

# Pointe Coupee Parish



*“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”*

**Healthy People 2010**

## Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Pointe Coupee	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
<b>ECONOMICS, 2000</b>				
% All persons in poverty	23.1%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	30.2%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	7.2%	7.3%	5.8%	--
<b>EDUCATION 2002-2003</b>				
School Expenditure per Student	\$8,000	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	92.1%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	8.2%	7.0%	--	--
<b>MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002</b>				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	3.3	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	75.2%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	70.0%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	14.0%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	18.5%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
<b>INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	43.9	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	364.6	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	109.8	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	4.1*	5.8	5.1	1.0
<b>STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)</b>				
Heart	266.6	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	231.1	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003</b>				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	17.1	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	2.1	2.1	1.5	0.8
<b>HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004</b>				
	<b>Region 2</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>HP 2010</b>
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	20.9%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	23.4%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	81.0%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	88.6%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	74.7%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

### Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (\*\*Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

## History<sup>1, 2</sup>

Established on March 13, 1807, this region was explored by Iberville in 1699. He cut a shallow waterway through a neck of high land circled by the Mississippi River and gave it the name of Pointe Coupee, or “cut point.” Canadian trappers came as early as 1708, and were joined by deserters of the French colony at Biloxi. In 1718 Bienville established a post here and gave large land grants to settlers. Later in the century Acadian refugees settled in the parish. Many fine plantation homes are still here.



French Creole Pointe Coupee Parish was settled in the early 1700s and today displays a wealth of history, culture and beauty that will allow a picturesque journey through time. Celebrations begin with Mardi Gras parades and continue with the annual antique show, old fashioned church fairs, farmers markets and craft bazaars, 4th of July activities, Christmas parades, and the season finale, Noel Sur La Fausse Riviere in New Roads.

**Parish Seat**<sup>3</sup> ..... New Roads

**Major Cities** (population over 5,000)

N/A

## Parish Population<sup>4</sup>

2000.....	22,763
2003 (estimate) .....	22,564
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	60.9%
African-American .....	37.8%
Some other race.....	1.3%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race) .....	1.1%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years .....	6.9%
5-14 .....	15.1%
15-17 .....	5.3%
18-19 .....	3.1%
20-24 .....	5.7%
25-64 .....	50.1%
65 & over .....	13.9%

## Geography and Statistics<sup>5</sup>

Average elevation .....	32ft.
Land area in square miles .....	557
Water area in square miles .....	33.3

**Climate**

## Average temperatures

Annual .....	67°
January .....	58°
July .....	91°
Annual average rainfall .....	61.1 inches

**Labor Force (2001)<sup>6</sup>**

## Pointe Coupee Parish

Civilian.....	9,017
Employed .....	8,237
Unemployed.....	780
Unemployment.....	8.7%

## Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed .....	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate .....	4.8%

**Colleges/Universities** (within one hour commute)

- Louisiana State University and A&M College
- Southern University and A&M College

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<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism.htm>>
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5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary  
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